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**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 1, prior to the first paragraph which begins on line 3, please insert the following:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, prior to the second paragraph which begins on line 10, please insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 1, lines 10-12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Known online systems for nitrate measurement or for measuring the content of organic substances are available from Endress + Hauser Conducta GmbH + Co. KG the assignee under the designation trademark STAMOSENS "STAMOSENS". The present invention further develops the known state of the art.

On page 1, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 13, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 4, line <sup>4</sup>8, and which ends on line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The invention will now be described in greater detail on the basis of the drawings, the figures of which show as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a schematic representation of an embodiment of the device of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a block diagram of a preferred embodiment of the device of the invention;

Fig. 3 is a flow diagram for the operation of the control/evaluation unit of Fig. 2;